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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Hiroshi KISHI et al.

Group Art Unit: 2674

Application No.: 09/698,441

Examiner: A. Abdulselam

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For: CONTROL APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR INPUT SCREENS

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Sir:

In reply to the January 13, 2003, Office Action, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-20 are pending.

Applicants thank Examiner Abdulselam for the courtesy extended to Applicants' representative, Mr. Luo, during the April 11, 2003 personal interview. The substance of the interview is incorporated in the following remarks.

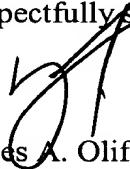
The Office Action rejects claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent 5,850,076 to Morioka et al. in view of U.S. Patent 6,411,502 to Burrell and U.S. Patent 6,263,500 to Yoshida et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As agreed at the interview, Morioka, Burrell and Yoshida and do not disclose or suggest the subject matter recited in claims 1-20 and thus this rejection is withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number set forth below.

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